

1	2	3	4
(ii)	Coal blocks for allocation to power sector projects for captive use through the Screening Committee route.	15	3.62
(iii)	Coal blocks for allocation to power producers, to be identified on the basis of tariff based competitive bidding.	16	6.02
TOTAL	-	41	15.71

(c) These coal blocks identified for power generation are new blocks for fresh mining.

#### Fixation of coal royalty rates

†869. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a formula has been suggested by the economic advisory committee of Prime Minister, Government of India for fixation of royalty rates of coal to the coal producing States and Government of M.P. has expressed its disagreement with this formula;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Centre is considering on this issue and by when the royalty rates of coal would be fixed;

(c) whether Government have fixed any time limit for this; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government constituted a Committee on 02.06.2005 to consider revision of rates of royalty on coal and lignite. The Committee submitted its report on 14.07.2006 after detailed deliberation with all stake holders and also taking into account the recommendations of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister. The Government is considering the report of the Committee.

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(c) and (d) Section 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 empowers the Central Government to enhance rate of royalty on coal and lignite after three years. However, it is not mandatory to revise these rates after every three years. The royalty rates are revised after taking into consideration the interests of all stakeholders and the overall economic scenario of the country.

#### **Coal transportation by ex-servicemen**

**†870. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:** Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) since when the work of coal transportation are being allotted to the ex-servicemen by coal companies;
- (b) the total amount on account of haulage paid by Coal India to ex-servicemen;
- (c) whether Coal Transportation Act, 1979 needs to be reviewed;
- (d) whether a white paper on success/failure of the scheme will be issued by his Ministry;
- (e) if so, by when; and
- (f) if not, why no review was made over the last 25 years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):** (a) Year of allotment of coal transportation work to ex-servicemen by various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited as under:

Company	Year of allotment of work
Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL)	1998 (Work discontinued since March, 2003)
Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)	1982
Central Coalfields Limited (CCL)	1980
Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)	1992
South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)	1986
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)	1981
Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)	Not allotted

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